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REMARKS

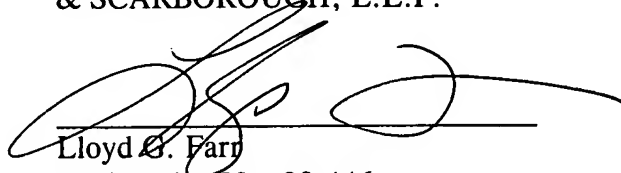
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

On October 5, 2006, the Examiner forwarded to Applicants' attorney an email with a suggested Examiner's amendment to claims 1 and 24. In a telephone call with the Examiner on October 6, 2006, the Examiner explained that, with respect to claim 1, the Examiner objected to the use of "it" and "or" in the claim. Applicants have amended claim 1 to overcome the objection. Claim 24 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

This application is now considered to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are therefore requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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